



On October 5, Ho-Chunk race car driver Troy Rave sponsored a "Thank You and Good Luck" meal to show appreciation for supporting him this past year. He was selected by Nascar to participate in the 2010 Drive for Diversity Combine in Charlotte, N.C. from October 17-19. "On behalf of the Rave family, thank you Ho-Chunk Nation for sponsorship given to Troy," said Maynard Rave, Sr.

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## The roads not taken

*Heavy rains flood and close Central Wisconsin highways*

Hocak Worak staff

Strong rains that hit Central Wisconsin beginning Wednesday September 22 caused travelers in the area to take different routes to their destinations. Ho-Chunk Nation members and employees living in Clark, Jackson, Wood Counties, and surrounding areas scheduled to work on Friday morning likely found their normal way to work disrupted by roads made impassable and closed due to flooding or fallen trees blocking the path.

Some school districts closed, giving students and staff a long weekend and in some areas volunteers placed sandbags on the shores of lakes and rivers in an attempt to hold back rising waters. Three to seven inches of rain fell in some areas, including in Hatfield, 10 miles from Black River Falls. There, rapidly rising water washed out steel cables on Lake Arbutus.

As a precautionary measure, residents living at "The Grove", a neighborhood in Black River Falls faced mandatory evacuation which involved approximately 80 homes,



Rising waters under the bridge in downtown Black River Falls. The before and after illustration.

according to Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center. Throughout the weekend Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls provided transportation for the people evacuated from their homes and provided other emergency personnel.

"We were told we were being evacuated from our home as the roads were being washed out due to the many creeks on our road flooding. We were told to get a hold of Maynard Rave

Jr. as soon as possible because he was going to try to take us home immediately to get anything that we needed at our house. I was very thankful that the Nation was so proactive in keeping us up to date on the situation and providing shelter for us at the Majestic Pines Hotel. It made the situation at hand that much easier just knowing what we were going to do in the meantime. Thankful, we were informed it was safe to go home that next

evening," said tribal member Rhonda Anderson.

For some, the flooding could not have come at a more inconvenient time. The Annual Cranberry Festival in Warrens, near Tomah, typically attracts 100,000 visitors to a small town surrounded by low lying cranberry bogs. The first day of the weekend event was Friday and on Friday morning, one of the main roadways to the small town was reportedly under water in some

places and many were directed by police officials to go another way.

Throughout the weekend, residents in Central Wisconsin were evacuated from their homes as rising waters from rivers, lakes and streams surged over banks and walls. Bridges, roads, streets and highways in

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The road known as Pettibone Pass in Black River Falls, was closed due to high waters.



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# Flood and close highways

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many communities were flooded, causing at best, an inconvenience to local residents. In some communities, the Wisconsin River reached water levels. According to the WI Emergency Operations Center, at 5:00 am Friday morning water on the Black River was at 60.77 feet, well above the flood stage of 47 feet. The record was 61.2 feet and the expectation to reach or exceed the record was in effect.

The damage caused by storms was still being evaluated. While some roads were free of standing water they remained closed while inspectors checked to see if they were safe to drive on. While most people see the visible damage done to roads and homes, the storm caused other damages. It was estimated that the crop damage could be in the range of \$25-100 million in all the counties affected.

On September 29 Wisconsin Emergency Management issued a Uniform Disaster Situation Report on the economic impact of the storm. The report stated that 345 homes suffered minor damage, 27 suffered major damage and three were destroyed. The public sector cost of the damage done to roads and bridges was \$4,592,273. It is expected that as damage assessments continue, these totals will rise.

Throughout the state, the Ho-Chunk Nation did what it could to help. In addition to Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls helping transport people evacuated from their homes, Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells, an American Red Cross Disaster Partner, donated \$2,500 to relief efforts. Earlier this year, a Disaster Trailer Shelter was donated to the Red Cross by Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells. That trailer helped 15 families in the Portage area from September 25-28. A similar trailer donated by Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa to the Red Cross in 2008 was used to help 11 families and 30 people in Wisconsin Rapids.



Before and after pics to view flood damage and why flood assessments may have been necessary in some counties such as: Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, Wood, Clark, Iowa, Portage, Taylor, Columbia, and Juneau Counties.



The calm before the storm and Nature's Wrath between Black River Falls and Hatfield.



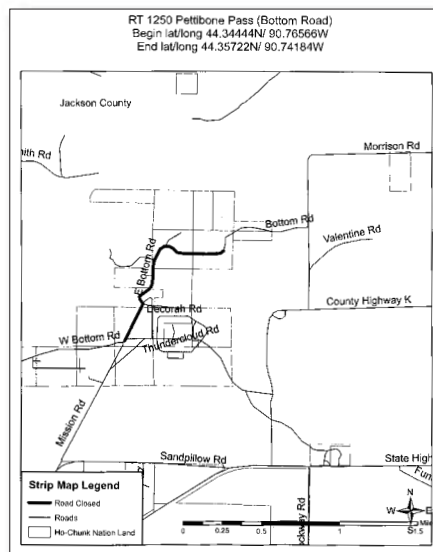
Severe weather which caused flooding in many areas of Wisconsin.

## Bottom Road Phase II Construction Project

Submitted by Brett Blackdeer  
BIA Transportation Planner Tech

Pettibone Pass, formerly Bottom Road, will be closed starting October 4, 2010 due to phase 2 of our reconstruction project. The contractor, Gerke Excavating, will begin construction on October 4, 2010. Construction will include clearing, grubbing, new sub base, and realignment of portions of the road. Pettibone Pass will be closed for the duration of the road realignment and construction, which we expect to be around 30 days. Access will be maintained for residents on Pettibone Pass. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (608) 374-3950.



## Snow removal

Submitted by  
Housing and Public Works

The Department of Housing and Public Works would like to remind everyone that winter weather is right around the corner. Please get your snow removal release of liability form and application for snow removal updated and returned to the Department of Housing and Public Works no later than October 29.

The forms are available from The Department of Housing and Public Works, as well as the Tribal Aging Unit. For questions, call The Department of Housing and Public Works at (608) 374-1225.

You can send, fax or email the form to our office, attention Tina Boisen.

# Underage drinking...how it affects our youth within tribal communities?

Submitted by  
HCN Underage Drinking  
Subcommittee

This is the third article in the four part series on underage drinking. This article will discuss what the youth alcohol assessment survey revealed about drinking and driving within the Ho-Chunk Communities. The statistics and facts may not be surprising in a state where drinking is part of culture, however to change the culture we need to understand the facts and start to change the way of our thinking. So, what are the facts?

**Facts Nationally:** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Injury Prevention & Control: Motor Vehicle Safety published the *Injuries among American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN)*. The three major risk factors is alcohol impaired driving, the other two are low seat belt usage & low child safety seat usage. The fact sheet states that AI/AN have a relatively high prevalence of alcohol-impaired driving and the highest alcohol-related motor vehicle mortality rates among racial/ethnic populations.<sup>3,4</sup> Among crashes on reservations from 1982 to 2002, an estimated 65 percent were alcohol-related. Nationally, during this same time period, 47

percent of total crashes were alcohol-related.<sup>5</sup>

**Facts Wisconsin:** The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) released the 2008 Wisconsin Traffic Crash Facts showing these astounding figures. In 2008 there were 125,103 total crashes resulting in 587 fatalities and 46,637 injuries in Wisconsin. It also showed that there were 7,235 alcohol related crashes, 4,319 injuries and 234 fatalities which were alcohol related.

So, how does that relate to our Ho-Chunk communities? The Underage Drinking Coalition asked these two questions in the recent Youth Alcohol Assessment Survey (YAAS) to our youth about drinking and driving and here is what we found out.

## 1. How common do you think drinking and driving is among Ho-Chunk Youth?

The chart indicates that 70% of youth think it is common for youth to drink and drive.

## 2. How common do you think drinking and driving is among Ho-Chunk adults?

The chart indicated that 80% of youth think adults drink and drive. The answers seem very clear that the youth are very much aware of the adult behavior in the community.

For more information regarding the underage drinking

survey, find out more in the next installment. A full summary of the youth survey installment can be obtained by Katie Funmaker at 715-284-2622.

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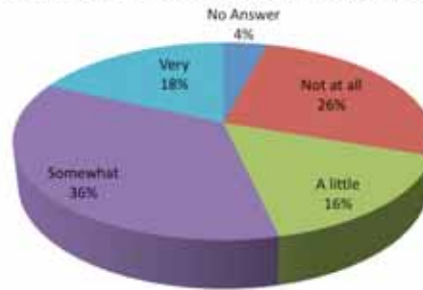


Chart 1

## How common do you think drinking and driving is among Ho-Chunk adults?

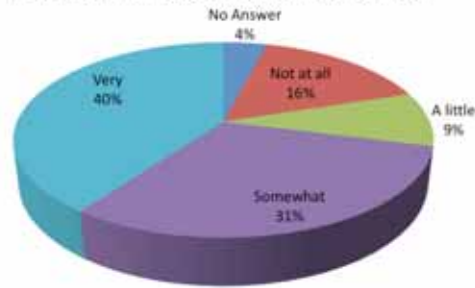


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## A look back

### Headlines from 5, 10 and 15 years ago

John Kozlowsz  
Staff Writer

#### 1995

The new Executive Building in Black River Falls is expected to open on November 1. Currently the Nation has employees from over 20 departments working in buildings throughout Black River Falls. The new office will allow tribal members to visit various departments without having to worry about a place to park.

#### 2000

Randy Blackdeer, Kathy Stacy and Joan Greendeer-Lee are appointed to the Ho-Chunk Gaming Commission.

#### 2005

The Ho-Chunk Nation recognizes October as Domestic Awareness Abuse Month. At a ceremony held on October 3, balloons were released in memory of Ho-Chunk women killed in domestic abuse incidents and in honor of those who survived such incidents.

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# Census Bureau recognizes Sandy Blackdeer

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Tribal member Sandy Blackdeer, an employee in the Nation's Department of Planning & Development, was recently recognized by the United States Census Bureau for her contributions to the 2010 Census.

On June 30 of 2009, Sandy was selected to take over the position of Tribal Liaison. "I really had no clue as to what this was going to involve; what a surprise that was. This was exciting news as I was involved in our Tribal Census in 2005-2006," said Sandy.

In mid-June 2009, Sandy met with Marlene Weisrock, the Chicago Regional Partnership Specialist who has worked with the Tribal Governments for the past 30 years, and who has been with the U.S. Census Chicago Region which includes Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Weisrock explained the Census was looked upon negatively by Native Americans for the past century.

"Since the first six Censuses (from which Indians were completely excluded), through the 2000 Census, numerous challenges have plagued the accuracy of the Census Count for Indian Country," Sandy stated. She also made mention that Native people were excluded and/or undercounted for generations, up to and beyond 1962, when the last American Indians were granted the right

to vote. "In each successive Census since full American Indian enfranchisement, the count of our population has improved, in 2000 the count was only 881," said Sandy and were the main reasons she wanted to be involved.

The 2010 Census held the promise of equity and fairness to all Native Americans, in that a complete and accurate Census would provide data not only for redistricting, but also for the distribution of hundreds of billions of federal dollars, which could be lost with inaccurate counts.

Across the Indian Nations the National Congress of American Indians encouraged tribal governments to be active in the 2010 Census and promoted it with the "I'M (Ho-Chunk)" and "I COUNT!" slogans.

From July 2009 through March 2010, Sandy dedicated herself to "getting the news out there" to tribal members by submitting information through the Hocak Worak Newsletter and the Ho-Chunk Nation website. She was also responsible to set up sites for testing and training for jobs with the U.S. Census ensuring the Ho-Chunk Nation Website followed-up with the information. Through the months of December 2009 to February 2010, 13 different tests were given at five Ho-Chunk locations.

Sandy stated that when they first started the 2010 Census it was with the understanding

that Ho-Chunks would be hired to become the enumerators for the Nations' lands, but later in 2009, they found out that could not be done due to the Equal Opportunity Employment Act rules. According to Sandy, one of the areas that caused a huge problem was the hiring and the FBI check. A lot of times, if an individual passed they would then receive a letter from the FBI that would not state what was wrong, and many would not follow through to get it straightened out. It could have been as easy as a name error, and old unpaid ticket. For whatever the reason, no one made a follow-up which resulted in them not being qualified. The individuals selected were based on test scores 100, 99, 98 and so on.

The mail-in participation phase of the census ended April 19, 2010 and on May 1, 2010, census workers began going door-to-door in an effort to count the households that did not mail back their forms. Director Robert Groves stated in his press briefing on April 28, 2010:

"Okay, first of all, we should all congratulate Wisconsin. This was incredible. In fact, if you drill into the Wisconsin state, look at counties and cities, there are cities that have rates of return that are just unbelievably high. So congratulations, Wisconsin, first of all. The second step is, in a way, similar for every state and locale. We will bring



Tribal liaison Sandy Blackdeer helped "paint the new portrait of America." The United States Census Bureau recognized the work done by Sandy to promote participation in the 2010 Census.

whatever the rate is up to 100 percent. We will do it quickly if we don't have many more cases to measure. We will do it more slowly if there's a big workload. Wisconsin, as well as all other states, the message is the same."

In closing, in another nine years if you hear someone knocking on your doors or

ringing your bell, it just may be Sandy Blackdeer in the attempt to call or train someone else on the "how to do" census stuff. "You know our own census will be coming up 2015, it's not that far away. I believe Wisconsin came in at 83%, here's hoping that 40% were HO-CHUNK," said Sandy.

## 2010 Census Feedback

### Chicago Region reports a success in Indian County

In preparing for the 2010 Census, tribal governments throughout Wisconsin formed Complete Count Committees (CCCs), whose members were committed to promoting the importance of Census data and to getting the most accurate count possible. Their efforts were rewarded when the Chicago Region of the Census Bureau recently announced that their work resulted in most accurate count of American Indians that the region has ever had.

The Bureau noted that throughout Wisconsin's Indian County, Committee members and tribal liaisons took ownership of the Census by promoting the Census at pow-wows and other community events. Other examples of how CCC's throughout Indian Country promoted the census include:

- Tribes hosted ice cream socials, poster and essay contests and Census festivals. To promote the Census, tribes provided casino gift cards and other giveaways.
- Tribes used cable TV and e-mails to promote participation in the Census and to recruit workers.



- The Oneida Reservation had a 40-person CCC with directors of their various departments and the Vice-Chairwomen as the CCC Chairperson.
- The Menominee Tribe and the Ho-Chunk Nation kept the Census message current by placing articles in every issue of their newsletters. The Menominee Tribe also held weekly CCC meetings and held fundraisers that awarded prizes for the Census posters and essay contests.
- The Lac Courte Oreilles CCC Chairman spoke to media from his reservation, as well as The Indian Country News and WOJB Radio to encourage tribal members to apply for jobs and to cooperate with enumerators when they arrived at their homes.
- The Ho-Chunk Nation held Job Fairs, seeking part-time Census workers, throughout its communities.
- Milwaukee's CCC promoted the 2010 Census at annual pow-wows, Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings and at regular monthly meetings.

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# Ho-Chunk race car driver Troy Rave recognized

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Troy Rave, a Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member and Black River Falls native, has been selected by NASCAR to participate in the 2010 Drive for Diversity Combine in Charlotte, N.C. from October 17-19. Presented by Sunoco, the Diversity Combine gives drivers the opportunity to compete for one of 10 positions in the 2011 Diversity driver line-up.



**Troy's #71, sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation.**

NASCAR's Drive for Diversity (D4D) is the racing industry's leading development program for minority and female drivers and crew members. The evolution of D4D continued in 2010 as competitors relocated to Charlotte and entered academy-style development under a single team ownership structure with Revolution Racing.



**At age 13, Troy with Joe Rave after a demolition derby.**



**Troy at age 17 with his sportsmen race car, a few cars prior to his current car, now recently turning age 22.**



**Little Thunder singers sing as friends, family, and supporters stand in honor of the "Thank You song" during Troy's appreciation meal held at the Tribal Office building on October 5.**

Drivers invited to participate will showcase their skills before a panel of motorsport experts in an effort to earn an opportunity to compete in the Drive for Diversity Initiative for the 2011 season.

Under the guidance of BlackJack's Racing team of Dexter Bean, Tony Bagstad and Mike Rukamp, and backed by the Ho-Chunk Nation for the 2010 racing season, Troy has achieved one of his goals; to participate in the D4D combine.

"It's been a dream of mine to be a part of the Drive for Diversity Program and show the youth of the Ho-Chunk Nation that we can succeed even though we are a minority," said Rave. "Through the opportunity presented me by BlackJack Racing and the Ho-Chunk Nation, I have learned more than words can say and will now be able to put it to a test at the D4D combine."

In order to set an example for the youth of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Rave is an advocate for Drug and Alcohol prevention. For his efforts, Rave has been nominated for the Wendell Scott Trailblazer Award, a national award given annually to a female or minority driver in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series who personifies excellence on and off the race track.



**BlackJack Racing team (L-R) Monty, Dave (team owner), Troy Rave, Dexter, and Misty McCrary. Dave, who has been in the racing industry with his son Dexter for the last eight years, said, "I noticed Troy two years ago at a track in LaCrosse and enjoy watching him improve each week."**

BlackJack Racing's NASCAR driver, Dexter Bean, Kwik Trip Late Model driver Tony Bagstad, and several other late model drivers have offered their advice and experience to Rave in the 2010 race season. As driver of the No. 71 Ho-Chunk Nation Chevy Impala, Rave has enjoyed the domination of the Rookie of the Year point standings for the entire 2010 racing season at La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway under the guidance of Crew Chief Mike Rukamp. Rave has mathematically accumulated enough of a point lead to clinch the Rookie of the Year title at the LaCrosse Fairgrounds Speedway by just starting the final Kwik Trip Late Model race on October 7, 2010, during Oktoberfest.

Rave is currently second in Rookie of the Year point standing for the Big 8 Series. With only one race remaining in the Big 8 Series Rave has high hopes of securing the Rookie of the Year title in that series as well. According to NASCAR Home Tracks, as of September 14, 2010, Rave's point standings were 178th in the nation, 17th in the state of Wisconsin, 11th at the La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway, and third in Rookie of the Year standings in the state of Wisconsin.

From October 17-19, 2010, Rave will be competing for one of 10 spots with Revolution Racing located in Mooresville, North Carolina, or for one spot with Bill McAnally Racing in Roseville, California. If successful, Rave will relocate to one of these facilities this winter.

Rave is the son of Barbie & Rodney Rave, Grandson of Maynard & Jessie Rave, Nancy Smith & the late George Smith, all from Black River Falls, Wisconsin. He would like to thank all of his



**Troy Rave preparing to get ready at the LaCrosse Speedway.**



**Gaga Rhoda Rave also showing support for her grandson Troy Rave as he improves week after week and pursues his "once in a lifetime opportunity".**

fans and supporters, Ho-Chunk Nation Office of the President, Legislature, Finance Department, Business Department, Veterans Affairs, Traditional Court, Department of Health & Social Services, Alcohol/Drug Program Services, Black River Falls Mayor Ron Danielson, Jackson County Sheriff

Duane Waldera, Black River Falls Police Chief Don Gilberg, Jackson County Bank President John Drace, Parks & Rec Director Steve Peterson, Jordan Chiropractic, Jon Stowe, and Allied Health's Dr. Joel Gartner.

For more information please visit:  
[www.troyrave.com](http://www.troyrave.com)

# ATM Machines come to Nation's C-stores

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business recently placed ATM Machines at Ho-Chunk Owned C-stores in Black River Falls, Nekoosa, Wittenberg and Wisconsin Dells. Installed the week of September 27, the machines were all functioning on October 1.

Retail Operations Manager Rob Reider explained that as a service to customers and em-

ployees, the Business Department is also considering placing ATM's at the House of Wellness and Executive Building.

He continued that the Nation will be leasing the machines with an option to buy. Currently the machines being supplied by Cash Depot, require a minimum \$20 withdrawal with a \$2.50 surcharge per transaction.



# Nation officials attend BIA Indian Roads tribal consultation

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Last month President Wilfrid Cleveland and members of the Legislature met with members of the BIA Indian Reservation Roads Program at a tribal consultation meeting held in Minneapolis, MN. Throughout the summer tribal representatives from the BIA Midwest Region gathered to comment and discuss how the funding for BIA roads projects is awarded.

In 2009, approximately \$50 million was allocated to the Indian Reservation Roads Program Development in the Midwest Region and President Cleveland stressed how important it is that the Ho-Chunk Nation be allowed to participate in the program.

According to the Department of the Interior, "an In-

dian Reservation Road (IRR) is a public road that is located within or provides access to an Indian reservation or trust land, or restricted Indian land that is not subject to fee alienation without the approval of the Federal government or Indian or Alaska Native Villages, groups or communities in which Indians and Alaska Natives reside, whom the Secretary of the Interior has determined are eligible for services generally available to Indians under federal laws specifically applicable to Indians."

Cleveland continued that in the last five years, the Nation completed 19 road construction projects that have enhanced safety for tribal members, created jobs and allowed the Nation to develop relationships with other gov-

ernments as a sovereign entity. As an example of how participation in the program has enhanced safety for tribal members, the President explained how the Nation used IRR funding to improve a dangerous intersection near Black River Falls. "The intersection of Highway 54 and Mission Road was traveled on, almost exclusively by residents of one of our largest housing developments and was a constant source of traffic accidents," he said. "Due to the state raiding the transportation fund, many projects such as this were not going to happen in the foreseeable future with state or local funding. The Nation stepped in and assisted its members by reconfiguring the intersection to allow more visibility for those entering and leaving the

housing development."

He added that the IRR Program has allowed the Nation to provide adequate housing for tribal members. "Without funding for the program, several new housing subdivisions would never have been possible. Now, more than several hundred tribal members have a place that they can be proud to call home."

Concerned that a number of large, land-based tribes have recommended drastic changes to the IRR Program that would increase their funding at the expense of other tribes, Cleveland believes that these efforts have been counter-productive and dangerous. "It is our opinion that neither the BIA nor DOT has the ability to implement any of the extreme changes being offered by some tribes," he said. "It

would take an act of Congress to change the current structure of the inventory or the funding formula to make these suggested modifications."

The President concluded by stating that the Ho-Chunk Nation looks forward to continuing its active participation and working with the BIA, DOT and other tribes to make the IRR program better for everyone. He concluded by stating that the Nation is developing and will submit some written recommendations for the program in the near future. "The IRR Roads Programs has provided a tremendous benefit for our tribal members and the Nation would like to see as little change made to the program as possible."

# New health care laws expected to protect consumers

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Beginning September 23, new health care laws gave consumers across the country new protection against insurance companies that in the past were often too quick to pull their coverage when it was needed the most.

Although most people likely will not see any changes until January 1, 2011, changes mandated by the new laws include; insurers will

now be required to cover children with pre-existing conditions and must provide coverage for dependents up to 26 years of age when the dependent cannot get health insurance at his/her job. The new law will also prevent insurers from cancelling policies when someone gets sick and eliminates the lifetime caps that sometimes limited the coverage provided to consumers.

If an employer decides to

make changes in the group insurance coverage that they offer employees, changes like cutting benefits or raising out-of-pocket-costs beyond a specific amount, the plan is considered a new plan and must include the new consumer protection safeguards. In most cases, new consumer protections standards include the right to have preventive screening or testing done without being subject to deductibles or co-payments.

Some recommended immunizations must also be covered.

As a trade off for the expanded coverage, it is expected that employees who participate in a group plan will be paying more as employers are shifting more of the health care costs to their employees. A recent study by the National Business Group of Health found that nearly two-thirds of employers planned to raise the premiums

their workers are paying for health care. It is expected the average worker will pay about 15 percent more for family insurance coverage in 2010 than in 2009.

Other provisions of the law will begin at a later date. For example, in 2014 insurers won't be able to refuse coverage to adults with pre-existing medical conditions.

# The Nation celebrates a historic event

*Daniel Libke becomes the Nation's first Chief of Police*

John Kozlowicz  
Staff Writer

During a historic ceremony held September 23 in the Executive Building, Bear Clan member Daniel Libke fulfilled a lifelong dream when he was sworn in as the first Chief of Police of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

With law enforcement officials from various jurisdictions among those in attendance witnessed Libke's taking the "Oath of Office", as Ho-Chunk Nation Associate Supreme Court Justice, Dennis Funmaker, marked the latest chapter in the Nation's effort to better regulate and enforce tribal laws, policies and ordinances through the establishment of its own law enforcement agency.

President Wilfrid Cleveland acknowledged and thanked everyone present for "helping us celebrate a milestone event for the Nation." Along with paying tribute to all the Ho-Chunk ancestors whose hard

work made the day possible, the President thanked "Mr. Libke for taking on the challenge."

Carson Funmaker, who heads the Nation's Law Enforcement Commission, stated that from the beginning, nearly 10 years ago, a driving force behind the Nation's effort to establish its own law enforcement agency was to "protect our sovereignty. We need to use it or lose it," he said.

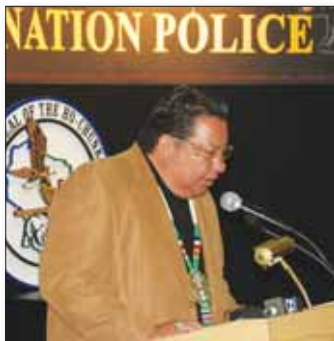
Carson Funmaker continued that while there are many challenges ahead as the Nation's law enforcement agency seeks to continue the positive relationships the Nation has established with county, state, federal and other tribal law enforcement agencies, he is confident that in time, the Commission's ultimate goal of "achieving safer communities for our people" will be met. The new agency will have jurisdiction in 14 counties throughout

Wisconsin covering about 35,000 acres of trust land.

Noting that "we've been at this a long time and that it's the most natural thing or effort that a tribe can have," Carson Funmaker thanked all those people, both from within and outside the Nation, who have made the dream of the Nation establishing its own police force a reality. He added that as the new agency



Daniel Libke takes the "Oath of Office" administered by Supreme Court Associate Justice Dennis Funmaker.



Ho-Chunk Nation Law Enforcement Commission Chairman Carson Funmaker believes the creation of a law enforcement agency strengthens the Nation's sovereignty.

begins setting its policy, the Traditional Court will be asked how to best incorporate traditional values into tribal law. Traditional Court member Tom Hopinkah added, "I don't think that we realize any full sovereignty rights or issues and I think this is the right step to achieve that."

Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court Chief Justice Todd Matha added that because sovereignty includes the ability to self govern; the creation of its own law enforcement agency will strengthen the Nation's sovereignty by giving Ho-Chunk law enforcement personnel the ability to govern Ho-Chunk members through the legal system. He noted that the establishment of a law enforcement agency is a needed step toward allowing the Ho-Chunk court system to expand its duties and responsibilities. "We will now be able to exercise criminal jurisdiction over tribal members," he said.

Following his being presented his new badge by Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General, Sheila Corbine, Chief Libke, a self proclaimed "man of few words," stated that he looks forward to the challenge, planning and work associated with his new duties. While he "appreciates and is humbled by the appointment," Chief Libke vowed to work hand and hand with other law enforcement agencies for the betterment of the Ho-Chunk Nation and its members. "It will be worth the effort," he promised.

Members of the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 posted the colors. Songs were provided by the Little Thunder Singers.



Many individuals look on during the Ho-Chunk Nation first Chief of Police swearing in ceremony takes place at the Tribal Office Building.



Law enforcement officials from throughout the state were on hand for the celebration.



Chief Libke with a new badge given to him by Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Sheila Corbine.



The Little Thunder Singers provided songs for the occasion.

# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

*NCAI outlines the violence against women problem in Indian Country*

Submitted by NCAI

In general, American Indians experience per capita rates of violence much higher than the general population. The rate of aggravated assault among American Indians and Alaska Natives is nearly twice that of the general population.

Ironically, statistics indicate that nearly 70 percent of American Indians who are the victim of violent crimes are victimized by a non-native, usually an African American or Caucasian. As the result of the violence that is all too frequent in Native communities, American Indian women are at the highest risk of violence, domestic or otherwise.

The term violence against women applies to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking done by an intimate partner, family member or stranger. Violence against women is a major problem for Native women wherever they are, including living on reservations or in Indian communities. One of three American Indian and Alaska native women are raped in their lifetime, compared with one of five women in the overall national statistic. These statis-

tics are general and do not necessarily pertain to Native women living on reservations under tribal jurisdiction, in part because the data on crime in Indian Country is poor, partly due to the underreporting of crimes to tribal authorities.

There are numerous problems which enhance the problem of violence against Native women in Indian Country. A characteristic of domestic violence in Indian Country is the connection to alcohol abuse, the leading crime problem in Indian Country. Enhancing the problem are the lack of sufficient funding for prevention resources in Native communities, the victim's fear that law enforcement and medical personnel will not be sympathetic because of the racial prejudices or stereotyping that exists. Additionally when Indian victims need to rely on non-Natives for assistance, help is slow in coming or denied because of the misconception that Indian people receive all the help needed from the BIA or Indian Health Service providers.

The problem of violence

against Indian women is related to the issue of law enforcement in Indian Country. Most tribal police forces are understaffed and do not have officers trained that specialize in domestic violence that could provide the most professional assistance.

A major concern is that tribal courts do not have jurisdiction over non-Indian residents on its reservations. Several acts enacted by Congress provide jurisdiction to other law enforcement bodies over Indian Country, though sometimes enacting this jurisdiction creates other legal difficulties.

The General Crimes Act primary function is to provide for the prosecution of crimes by non-Indians against Indians and of non-major crimes by Indians against non-Indians. The Indian Major Crimes Act provides federal jurisdiction in cases of major crimes, including violence against women such as assault and sexual abuse, when committed by an Indian against an Indian in Indian Country and also when the victim is a non-Indian.

Tribes have difficulty trying



to develop comprehensive crime strategies for crimes that are under federal jurisdiction (such as serious youth violence, drug related crimes, child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault). Federal jurisdiction of crimes in Indian Country is limited to specific enumerated crimes and does not include misdemeanor violations of protective orders. Thus tribes are handcuffed. They must not only engage the BIA in developing responses to a crime,

they must also involve the FBI, U.S. Attorney's Office and the Federal Courts. When control of policy is so divided, tribes have less incentive to develop their own approaches to solving social problems, including the violence against women.

Each incident of violence against women in Indian Country involves a cumbersome procedure to establish who has jurisdiction over the

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## Walking in her Moccasins

*The role of education in preventing domestic violence*

John Kozlowski  
Staff Writer

Since 2009, the S.A.F.E. House, operated by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services, has provided a place for adults and their children living in an abusive atmosphere to seek refuge.

Sherri Larsen, the Nation's Domestic Abuse Program Manager, stated that since the beginning of this year, the S.A.F.E. House has provided temporary safety for seven women and 10 children. "The longest anyone has stayed is one month," she said, adding that her office works with HHODA, Ho-Chunk Housing and county agencies to place those needing help in a more permanent residence.

Although the S.A.F.E. House exists primarily to provide a place to live, staff members are trained and willing to help those in need to learn everyday skills. Larsen added that because residents are likely coming from an unpleasant situation, an effort is made to try to make everyone, especially the children, feel safe and comfortable. For example, the staff tries to learn what foods the children like and dislike and plan their shopping accordingly. "It helps settle the kids down," she explained.

Food, clothing, personal hygiene, and household items are always needed, Larsen

said, particularly children's clothing of any size. She added that in the past Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming enterprises and the employees in Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells and Madison have been especially generous in donating sheets, towels, blankets and non-perishable food items.

"We're in constant need of everything," Larsen said. Donation boxes are located in the Executive Building and at First Nation Community Financial, located in the Blue Wing Community. Those wishing to donate can also call 1-715-284-1721.

October has been designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and on October 1 and October 8, the Department of Social Services sponsored "Walking in her Moccasins" events at the Executive Building and the House of Wellness. At the October 1 event, held in Black River Falls, signs posted along the one-mile fitness trail near the Executive Building gave some of the facts relating to sexual assault and domestic violence. Larsen explained the signs are part of an effort to educate the community. People don't want to hear or talk about sexual assault or domestic violence, she said. "But it's a reality."

Walking the trail under a

clear blue sky with the chill of the season in the air, walkers were exposed to some sobering facts.

- On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day.
- 11 percent of people 60 or older reported experiencing abuse within the last year.
- Nearly one in four women are beaten or raped by a partner during adulthood. Each year approximately 2.3 million people are raped or physically assaulted by a current or former partner.
- Native American women experience the highest rate of violence of any group in the United States.
- In the United States, every 12-15 seconds a woman is battered.
- 47 percent of women will be raped in their lifetime.
- Nearly one in four girls who have been in a relationship reported going further sexually than they would have liked as the result of peer pressure.
- Children who witness domestic violence can also suffer long term consequences; emotional, behavioral and cognitive.
- Domestic violence is a common form of violence.
- About 25 percent of women and 8 percent of men in the United States have been

physically or sexually abused by a partner.

- In a 12 month study, women who obtained protective court orders were 80 percent less likely to be physically or psychologically abused than those who did not receive protective orders.
- One in 7 stalking victims move as the result of being stalked.
- In the United States, 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked annually.
- Domestic violence is three times as likely to occur when couples are experiencing high levels of financial strain as when they are experiencing low levels of financial strain.
- An estimated six percent of all pregnant women are battered.
- Domestic violence includes sexual abuse, such as forcing a person to have sex against their own will.
- Nearly 25 percent of all stalkers pursue their victims at least once a week, many daily, using more than one method.
- 17 percent of Indian women are stalked, at least twice the rate of any other group.
- Abusive relationships are built on the mistaken belief that one person has the right to control another.
- Although each year the number of reported inci-

dents of abuse in later life grows, approximately 84 percent of elder abuse incidents go unreported.

- 4 percent of the women in prison for a felony are there because they killed an abusive spouse or partner.
- Domestic violence is estimated to cost employers in the United States up to \$13 billion a year.
- 70 percent of American Indians who are victims of a violent crime are victimized by a non-Native.
- One in five teens who have been in a serious relationship report being hit, slapped or pushed by a partner.
- Three-fourths of American Indian women have been exposed to some type of sexual assault.
- One-third of teen girls who have been in a serious relationship say they have been physically hurt by their partner.
- 69 percent of American Indian children report being exposed to violence in their home.
- About 35 percent of the women and 4 percent of the men murdered are killed by a former or current intimate partner.

# Elders attend National Indian Council on Aging

Submitted by  
Judith Ann Thundercloud

Ho-Chunk elders from various communities attended the Annual National Indian Council on Aging-NICOA-Conference, held September 25-28 in MI.

Along with offering numerous educational sessions, workshops and breakout sessions, the conference offered a number of fun events, including a style show and a talent show that included Ho-Chunk elder, comedian, Patricia Boyles.

Each day began with a Spiritual Morning Walk and various cultural events were held throughout the conference that was attended by elders from throughout the United States and Canada.

Those who attended wishing to thank President Cleveland, the Legislature, the Tribal Aging Units and the TAU Advisory Board for their support.



Elders who attended the NICOA Conference included; Back (l-r): Bridge Stiegler, Helen Lonetree, Marion Miner, Mary Bernhart, Cynthia Decorah, Parr Decorah, Lilian Thundercloud. Middle (l-r): Myrtle Funmaker, Margaret Showers, Judith Ann Thundercloud, Vicky Flitsch. In front is Alvina Bolinski.

## Domestic Violence Awareness

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case according to the nature of the offense, the identity of the attacker, the identity of the victim and the exact legal status of the land where the crime took place.

The first officials called to the scene may be tribal police or BIA officers. Although these officers may initiate an investigation and/or detain a suspect, a decision must be made whether the crime warrants further investigation. If it does, federal officials need to be notified.

Complicating the situation is PL 280 under which many states, including Wisconsin, have assumed full or partial jurisdiction over crimes committed in Indian Country within their borders. The difficulties of prosecution, coupled with the traditions of non-involvement by law officers in spousal abuse matters makes federal and state enforcement more difficult. The Supreme Court's decision that tribes do not possess jurisdiction over non-Indians on Indian lands further compromises the ability of law enforcement to prosecute non-Native offenders.

The lack of comprehensive criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country over misdemeanors also affects women's safety, since the majority of offenders who violate protective orders are subject to no prosecution at all. The lack of enforcement of tribal protective orders by other jurisdictions place Indian women and their children at severe risk.

The lack of resources in Indian Country for policing, for conducting trials and even for jails, along with the lack of resources for treatment programs seriously hamper any effort to curb domestic violence in Indian Country.

In short, the gaps that exist in tribal jurisdictions can be summarized in three ways:

- Lack of jurisdiction over some of the major crimes related to violence against women, including sexual

assault, rape and other assault, towards Indians and non-Indians.

- Lack of jurisdiction over non-Indians on tribal lands for most matters, including misdemeanors, which include violations of protective orders.
- Lack of civil jurisdiction over non-Indians, when some of the protective orders are civil in nature.

### Solutions to be considered

Expanding the jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders, especially in domestic violence cases, is justified by the close voluntary link established by a non-Indian who marries an Indian woman. By marrying a tribal member and living in the tribal community, the non-member gives their consent to be part of the community and therefore should be subject to tribal laws if they abuse their spouse, partner or children. Voluntary marriage would be seen as giving implied consent to the tribal court's jurisdiction. This argument could also be made for non-Indians who had a relationship with a tribal member that resulted in a protection order. If they come onto tribal land and violate the protection order, they have consented to tribal power over their conduct as part of their relationship with the tribal member.

Another factor that could be used to support the argument for the expansion of jurisdiction is the limited sentencing power of tribal courts, currently a maximum \$5,000 fine or one year imprisonment. Consequently offenders have no fear of judges handing out disproportionately harsh sentences. Because the Supreme Court ruled that the civil rights of persons subject to tribal criminal jurisdiction are protected by habeas corpus, they can always appeal to the federal courts to ensure that their rights were not violated, the maximum fine and penalties should be increased.

### SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Becky L. Doll, Petitioner, v. Anthony J. Tipton, Respondent.  
Case : CS 10-34

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Anthony J. Tipton

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### SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Jennifer Dominguez, Respondent.  
Case : CS 10-46

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### SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Melody Greengrass, Respondent.  
Case : CS 10-39

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Melody Greengrass

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### SUMMONS (First Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI. Dane Co., Petitioner, v. Skyler J. Shegonee, Respondent.  
Case : CS 10-29

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Skyler J. Shegonee

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# Bret Michaels performs at Ho-Chunk Gaming - Madison

Submitted by  
Dave Abangan – Marketing  
Director, Ho-Chunk  
Gaming Madison

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison held its first outdoor concert on September 18th featuring Bret Michaels, former lead singer from Poison and winner of Donald Trump's Celebrity Apprentice. Bret performed for a total of about 90 minutes singing his familiar hits like "Every Rose Has It's Thorn" and "Unskinny Bop" as well as songs from his latest album, "Custom Built".

It was quite an undertaking since the facility had to use one half of their parking lot for the concert venue plus ac-

commodate an estimated 1,300 guests on top of their regular Saturday evening crowd. The former Ramada location adjacent to the casino property was used as an overflow parking lot with shuttle service to and from the casino.

A portion of the ticket sales from the show was donated to the American Diabetes Association, who receives thousands of dollars each year from the Nation's casinos to help find a cure for diabetes. "It was great to be a part of the first ever event for our gaming property in Madison," said Executive Director of Business Greg Garvin. "I am especially proud that this



Bret Michaels was presented a Pendleton blanket and witnessed the check presentation. Pictured from l-r are Dave Abangan - Director of Marketing, Bret Michaels, Carole Lastrup – Executive Manager, Barb Falco – American Diabetes Association, Emily Hubbard – ADA Youth Ambassador, David Lux – ADA Youth Ambassador and Hope Collins – ADA Youth Ambassador.



The rain held off long enough for the guests who packed the stage on a chilly September evening.

event raised \$10,000 to fight diabetes. This supports our "Your Ticket to More" brand campaign's intent to give more back to the community."

Bret Michaels has Type 1 diabetes and dedicates himself to advancing the mission of the American Diabetes Association. "The opportunity to have Bret here just fit perfect for us," said Carole Lastrup, Executive Manager of Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison.

"The staff was really excited, and the energy on our gaming floor was felt for an entire month. It took great teamwork to accomplish our 'first ever' outdoor concert and I'm very proud of the way our HCG - Madison team brought it all together! HCG - Madison also has a team for the Madison Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes on October 10, 2010 where we will again raise funds to battle this dis-

ease that affects so many relatives and friends."

In addition to the regular monthly live entertainment schedule, Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison plans to continue having outdoor shows once or twice a year since it helps draw a different audience to the facility. Find out more about events at the casino by visiting [www.ho-chunkgaming.com](http://www.ho-chunkgaming.com).

## Join Team Ho-Chunk and walk for a good cause

Submitted by  
Dave Abangan –  
Marketing Director, Ho-  
Chunk Gaming - Madison

It's that time of year again for the StepOut Walk to Fight Diabetes. Thanks to the 24 ambassadors who already registered for the walk, let's make the team even bigger and represent Ho-Chunk Gaming in a big way! Remember, simply raising \$25 will get you a Team Ho-Chunk t-shirt and there are lots of other prizes available to you if you raise more.

The event takes place on Sunday, October 10th. The 3.1 mile walk starts and ends at Vilas Park in Madison on beautiful Lake Wingra and continues down the tree-canopied Edgewood Campus area and through some of Madison's most picturesque neighborhoods. Lunch and entertainment is provided after the walk.

Keep in mind this is not a race. There are many rest stops along the walk path and kids are invited to join us, however pets are not al-



lowed. We have had some beautiful weather the past 3 years. It's always a nice refreshing way to start a fall morning before watching football!

Registration is FREE, visit <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/ho-chunk> for more information.

## Fall Care Drive begins at Ho-Chunk

Submitted by  
Missy Tracy – Senior  
Manager Public Relations

Ho-Chunk Gaming – WI Dells will hold their Annual Fall Care Drive starting October 1st – through October 31st. Guests bringing in a hygiene item to Guest Services with a minimum value of \$4.00 will receive \$5.00 in Rewards Play. Hygiene items needed: diapers, baby wipes, toiletries, dish liquid, paper, laundry and cleaning

products. This drive will benefit the Central Wisconsin Community Action Council and the Ho-Chunk Nation Safe House. Ho-Chunk Gaming would like to thank everyone in advance who will be supporting this drive and helping the local community experiencing hardship.



# NAIHC applauds the Senate for passing the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act

## Bill now awaits the President's signature

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), the only national Indian organization advocating solely on behalf of tribal housing issues, today praises Members of the Senate for passing the Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act of 2010 (H.R. 3553) by voice vote last night. The bill now moves to the President's desk for his signature.

Passed in the House in April, the Veterans' Act would amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) to be consistent with the IRS Tax Code and other federal statutes and regulations by excluding income received by a veteran, or his or her family, for service-related disability, dependency, or indemnity, from the definition of "income" under NAHASDA. The bill was originally introduced by Rep-

resentative Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ) in the House and by Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) in the Senate.

"NAIHC is extremely thankful to the Senate for passing the bill in this session, and for recognizing that many Indian veterans and their families will benefit from this significant legislation. Our Native veterans are an integral part of all tribal communities, and to offer them a chance at affordable housing is essential," said NAIHC Chairperson Cheryl A. Causey. "I extend sincere gratitude to Representative Kirkpatrick, Senator Wyden, all the cosponsors, and the support from the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Chairman Dorgan, Vice-Chair Barrasso and their respective staff."

Concerns that veterans were not given the opportunity to maintain affordable and secure housing after returning

from military service came from the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Housing Authority that proposed a legislative fix to Rep. Kirkpatrick.

"Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's leadership on this bill will make a huge difference for disabled Native Veterans and also for the families that are left behind when a soldier, sailor or airman gives the ultimate sacrifice. Thanks to Ann Kirkpatrick - Congress stepped up and did the right thing with this bill," said Navajo Housing Authority Executive Director Aneva J. Yazzie.

Prior to the House passage of the bill, Rep. Kirkpatrick held a field hearing in Window Rock, Arizona. NAIHC Executive Director Mellor C. Willie and Ms. Yazzie testified.

"Leaders in the veterans, tribal and housing communities have worked tirelessly to



L-R: NAIHC Board Member Michael Chavez, NAIHC Executive Director Mellor C. Willie, Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick and Navajo Housing Authority Executive Director Aneva J. Yazzie.

get this done, and I am honored to have had the chance to work with them so closely to push this legislation through Congress," said Rep. Kirkpatrick. "The passage of the Indian Veterans Housing Op-

portunity Act is a great victory for Indian Country and a critical step in the ongoing struggle to make Washington keep its promises to our fighting men and women."

# Outstanding contribution in the area of sustainability

Submitted by  
Sandy Lovesee - HHCD

Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency [HHCD] was one of three Native American housing agencies in the US to receive an award — "For Outstanding Contribution in the Area of Sustainability" — at the recent HUD Office of Native American Programs [ONAP] Greener Homes National Summit in Reno, Nevada, held September 8-9, 2010. (See picture below of Executive Director Mark Butterfield's receiving the award.) In recent years, HHCD has been focusing on green, energy-efficient, and renewable housing development, rehabilitation, and retrofitting, adding elements like super-insulation, energy-efficient windows, and passive-solar design to its new and existing units.



L-R: Jerry Hause, Cowlitz Indian Housing Weatherization Assistance Program -- Daryl Kooley, Tagiugmullu Nanamiullu Housing Authority (TNHA) -- Rodger Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) -- Kevin Fitzgibbons, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Native American Programs -- Nicole Harker, Seminole Native Learning Center -- Mark Butterfield, Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency.

Last year, HHCD added **photovoltaic cells** to one of its two main administrative buildings, which generate about the same amount of electricity the building uses. This year, HHCD is developing new units utilizing **solar hot-water heaters** and **geothermal heat-pump systems**, while existing units are being retrofitted with solar hot-water heaters, and the agency converted two villages to natural gas to lower the cost of energy to its tenants in the last year. "We were very pleased to receive this award, which recognizes the hard work of our Development staff led by Neil Whitegull, our Modernization and Development Director. The Development staff are dedicated professionals who always like to explore new and better ways to provide housing for our tenants, while reducing our impact on the environ-

ment," stated Mr. Butterfield.

This year the agency is designing a new community center for the Ho-Chunk Nation Dells Dam community in Clark County that would generate enough of its own energy, heat, and hot water to be close to, if not entirely, "off the grid." In addition, the agency sets aside money in its Tribal Repair Improvement Program for the Green Rehabilitation of Nation members' homes. Finally, HHCD is exploring wind, solar photovoltaic, and other Green components for new and existing residential development, with an eye to maximizing the agency's Green/renewable capabilities. Green is good for the environment, good for the economy, and good for the long-term affordability of housing for HHCD's low-income clientele.

## Why Wait? COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION

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# Proudly representing

Submitted by  
Lynette Hopinkah  
Administrative Assistant

Doug Long, age 13, made his debut as the (unofficial) mascot for the Osseo-Fairchild Chieftains. He is the son of Lance Long and Phamie Littlesun. His Ho-Chunk name is Chexji Sanega, which means Shiny White Buffalo, given to him by his grandfather, the late Doug Long. He is a traditional dancer and has been dancing since he was two-years-old. He is also the fourth generation of his family, proudly attending the Osseo-Fairchild school district.

Lance, Doug's father, was the first mascot in 1969 for the Osseo-Fairchild schools. Frank Thunder, Doug's Great

Grandfather, has been used as the logo for the school district for many years. Most recently, Doug wore the war bonnet his father wore when he was the mascot many years ago, for the homecoming game held on October 1, 2010 in Osseo. When asked how he felt about being the mascot, he excitedly replied before the question was finished, "It feels awesome!"

The Homecoming game against Stanley Boyd made for an interesting night. Doug entered the football stadium dressed in his regalia and immediately people approached him asking if they could take a picture with him. They were genuinely interested and seemed very proud to have their picture taken with him, as representation for the



Doug Long representing Osseo/Fairchild school district as the Chieftains mascot.



Doug Long using hand signals to get the crowd motivated during Half-time.

Osseo Chieftains. He put smiles on a lot of faces throughout the game.

Myrtle Long, Doug's grandmother, made mention that some of the football players gathered around Doug once he got on the field and the coach had to call them back because it was time to start the game. Charity Thunder, another grandmother to Doug stated, "I went to school in Fairchild and never had any problems with racism or discrimination and neither did the rest of the family." Myrtle also stated that throughout the years the non-natives have been very respectful to our people in the area.

During half-time, while the dance team performed and the school song was sung, Lance

gave Doug some pointers on what to do in front of the Chieftain's fan-filled bleachers, like using hand signals to get the crowd motivated. It was quite an entertaining evening.

More than 80% of the school district is in favor to keep the Chieftains name and logo. Bill Karch, a member of the American Legion and a member of the Osseo/Fairchild community for 4 ½ years, stated that the Chieftain Logo is a name to HONOR the Natives. "It's not meant as anything bad, it is meant as something good."

Annie Laskowski, a senior at the Osseo high School, a member of the community for the past ten years, and a member of the band said, "It's nice

that he (Doug) comes out here. I think it's great because he's supporting our team. It kind of brings our community together."

After high school, Doug plans to join the Marines like his (late) grandfather Doug. He then plans on going to college – maybe OU or OSU (Oklahoma State University) to be an Athletic Coach. Doug is a bright, courageous and proud young gentleman. He hopes to be the mascot at least until he's a senior in high school and perhaps longer if everything works out well for everyone involved. The Chieftains won the game with a score of 40-28, the first homecoming game won in years.

## Potential for deer crashes will be high this season

Submitted by  
Donald Lyden, Bureau of  
Transportation Safety (DOT)

It's the time of year again when deer are plentiful and their movements unpredictable along Wisconsin roadways. To avoid hitting deer, drivers must be extremely cautious and vigilant. Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) officials warn.

During their mating season in October and November, deer are more active especially at dusk and dawn when they move to and from their bedding and feeding areas. As they roam, deer often will dart onto highways and directly into the path of vehicles.

Deer are the third most commonly struck object in Wisconsin traffic crashes (behind collisions with another vehicle or a fixed object). Law enforcement agencies reported a total of 16,338 deer vs. vehicle crashes last year. Dane County had the most motor vehicle vs. deer crashes reported in 2009 with 873. Waukesha County had the second most with 680 followed by Shawano County with 648. In Shawano County, more than half of all reported crashes in 2009 involved deer.

"To avoid deer crashes, drivers must slow down when they see deer in the area. If you see one deer, there are probably more nearby that could dash in front of your vehicle," says Dennis Hughes, chief of safety programs for WisDOT's Bureau of Transportation Safety. "If you can't avoid a deer, it's safer to hit the brakes and hit the deer than to swerve suddenly and try to miss it. If you swerve, you risk losing control of your vehicle and rolling over or hitting another car or a fixed object, like a tree."

Hughes emphasizes that motorists must be especially careful this time of year because collisions with deer can be fatal. Motorcycles were involved in five of the six fatal deer-vehicle crashes in Wisconsin last year.

The WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety offers the following advice to prevent deer crashes:

- Be on the lookout for deer, eliminate distractions while driving, and slow down in early morning and evening hours—the most active time for deer.
- Always wear your safety belt—there are fewer and less severe injuries in vehicle-deer crashes when

safety belts are worn.

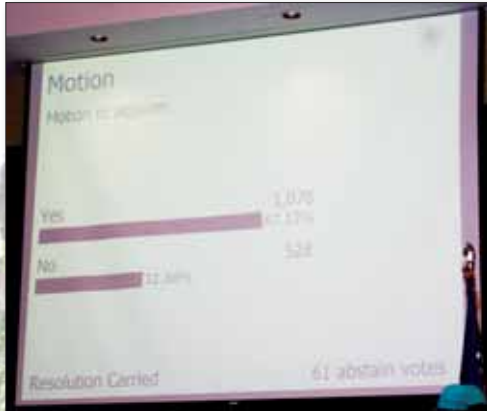
- If you see a deer by the side of the road, slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away.
- When you see one deer, look for another one—deer seldom run alone.
- If you see a deer looming in your headlights, don't expect the deer to move away—headlights can confuse a deer and cause the animal to freeze.
- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path.
- Do not swerve—it can confuse the deer as to where to run—and cause you to lose control and hit a tree or another car.
- The one exception to the "don't swerve" advice applies to motorcycles. On a motorcycle, you should slow down, brake firmly and then swerve if necessary to avoid hitting the deer. If you must swerve, always try to stay within your lane to avoid hitting other objects.
- If you hit a deer, get your vehicle off the road if possible, and then call a law enforcement agency. Walking on a highway is dangerous, so stay in your vehicle if you can.

- Don't try to move the animal if it is still alive. The injured deer could hurt you.



# 2010 General Council Resolutions...

## The final numbers



2010 General Council meeting adjournment at 6:25 pm, "All in favor?"

Everyone patiently waiting (some trying to weasel their way to the doors) to turn in voting machines and collect their "Benjamin Franklin."



Tracy Pecore, Newsletter Editor

On September 18, the Annual General Council meeting was held at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center and Gerald Cleveland, Sr. officially called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm. In order to make quorum, 1,032 tribal members were needed to be present; the final number for registered voters was 1,901.

Below is the OFFICAL list of resolutions discussed at the 2010 General Council meeting. Along with the resolutions, the number (YES – NO – ABSTAIN) are also illustrated.

### 2010 General Council Resolutions

#### PASSED

- Constitutional change Resolutions referred to Constitutional reform Task Force **834-643-143 = 1620**

#### DENIED

- Eagle Feather and Religious laws **632-668-298 = 1598**
- GCA BIA Stay and Repeal Secretarial Election Requirement **362-1023-234 = 1619**  
**353-985-230 = 1568**
- GCA Bylaws **159-1016-168 = 1343**
- GC request to Amend Constitution removing Delegation of Authority from GC to Legislature and Assuming All Legislature Power and Duties. **491-858-200 = 1549**
- Submission Schedule and Procedures. **491-705-353 = 1549**
- Code of Ethics **348-1128-145 = 1621**
- GCA Budget **338-1299-62 = 1699**
- Removal of President Cleveland

#### No action taken due to meeting adjournment

##### at 6:25 pm:

- Removal of Donnie Troy Schaitel
- Higher Education Policy
- Memorandum of Agreement
- GC Request to Amend the Heritage Preservation Act to Protect the Intellectual Property of the Nation and Require the Consent of General Council Before Releasing Information
- GCA Freedom of Information to Provide Information
- Remove Jenna Littlegeorge
- Hocak Wazijaci Nation Veterans Home Ownership Program Resolution
- Hocak Wazijaci Nation Home Ownership Land Acquisition Program Resolution
- GCA Administrative Agency
- Children Trust Fund

## Hospitality for Vets

Submitted by WDVA Media Relations thru the State of Wisconsin

On Nov. 11, veterans and active duty military personnel are getting more than just recognition for their service.

More than 400 bed and breakfasts (B&B) and inns in 46 states and Canada are offering current and former military members and their families a free night's stay on Nov. 10, the day before Veterans Day. According to Kathleen Panek, owner of the Gillum House in Shinnston, W. Va., the promotion first was offered in 2009 by ten members of the West Virginia B&B Association but this year has expanded nationwide.

Participating locations must offer at least one room free of charge, and veterans/service members wishing to take advantage of the promotion must present a current military or VA identification. For a list of participating properties, go to BnBsForVets.org.

These are the participating locations in Wisconsin:

**Bettinger House B&B** Plain 608-546-2951 [www.bettingerbb.com](http://www.bettingerbb.com)

**Eagle Centre House B&B** Eagle 262-363-4700 [www.eagle-house.com](http://www.eagle-house.com)

**Hamilton House B&B** Whitewater 262-473-1900 [www.bandbhamiltonhouse.com](http://www.bandbhamiltonhouse.com)

**Lazy Cloud B&B** FULL Lake Geneva 262-275-3322 [www.lazycloud.com](http://www.lazycloud.com)



**Lindsay House B&B** Manawa 920-596-3643 [www.lindsayhouse.com](http://www.lindsayhouse.com)

**Naeset Roe Inn** FULL Stoughton 608-877-4150 [www.naesetroe.com](http://www.naesetroe.com)

**Phipps Inn B&B** FULL Hudson 715-386-0800 [www.phippsinns.com](http://www.phippsinns.com)

**Pickwick Inn** East Troy 262-642-5529 [www.pickwickinn.com](http://www.pickwickinn.com)

**Pedal's Inn** Wales 262-968-4700 [www.pedalsinn.com](http://www.pedalsinn.com)

**Scofield House** Sturgeon Bay 920-743-7727 [www.scofieldhouse.com](http://www.scofieldhouse.com)

Each B&B is making at least one room available on the night of Wednesday, November 10 (only) to active and retired military personnel. Availability is limited, so Inns may not have a specific room listed for the promotion and once the available rooms are booked, the B&B may not be able to provide another free room. Please note that some locations are FULL now.

## Fall home tips

Submitted by Housing and Public Works

Remember to change your furnace filter. By doing so, you will increase your furnaces efficiency, reducing your heating bill.

Run all gas powered lawn equipment until the fuel is gone.

Inspect and clean dust from your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Also, make sure to change the batteries.

Clean gutters and downspouts frequently during the season to prevent build up of debris.

Check around windows for air leaks apply weatherstripping or caulk where needed. This will reduce heat loss and save money.

Make sure handrails on stairs are in good condition. Loose railings can become dangerous when the steps get icy.

Protect your home from frozen pipes. Cover the pipes that are likely to freeze (usually along outer walls) with preformed foam insulation. This is inexpensive, and can save you from a big problem later.

# "Taking Back our Community"

This is an Open Forum for all community members, teachers, and students concerned with the gang issues affecting our communities.

Friday, October 29, 2010  
 Ngkoosa Community Center  
 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
 Registration begins at 9:30 am  
 Lunch will be provided

Presenters: Bernie Stevens, Lincoln Hills Correctional Institute  
 Jose Dominguez, Light House Central Church

There will be adult and youth sessions. Door prizes will be drawn at the end of the day.  
 Child care provided for Grades K – 3

For more information contact Marcus Lewis or Katie Funmaker at (715) 284-2622

## VARIETY SHOW

to benefit the Ho-Chunk Nation S.A.F.E. House

"Violets Not Violence"

**Wednesday, October 20, 2010**

**Meal from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

**Show begins at 7:00 pm**

**Majestic Pines Bingo Hall**

\$5.00 Admission and a non-perishable food item



**Music**



**Comedy**

For more information contact Sherri Larsen at (715) 284-2622  
**THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT**

The Public is Invited to a

## Diabetes Fair

**Saturday, November 13, 2010**

**8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Comfort Inn and Suites (formerly Holiday Inn)  
 Black River Falls**

- Free Admission • Door Prizes • Blood Sugar Testing
- Free Refreshments • Diabetes Information and Supplies
- Diabetes Educators in Attendance

### SPEAKERS:

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. **"Metabolic Syndrome"**  
 Kirk Lane, M.D.  
 Krohn Clinic

9:45 a.m. **"Making Successful Lifestyle Changes"**  
 Danielle Jacobs, MSW  
 Krohn Clinic

10:30 a.m. **"Nutrition for Life: The Power of One"**  
 Angie Kohlwey, RD  
 Black River Memorial Hospital

### EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS:

Ho-Chunk Health Department • Black River Memorial Hospital  
 Krohn Clinic • Jackson County Public Health  
 Jackson County Department of Health & Human Services

Funding made possible through a grant from the Lunda Charitable Trust.

## Happy 9th Birthday!

### Mariah Rose Greene

October  
8th

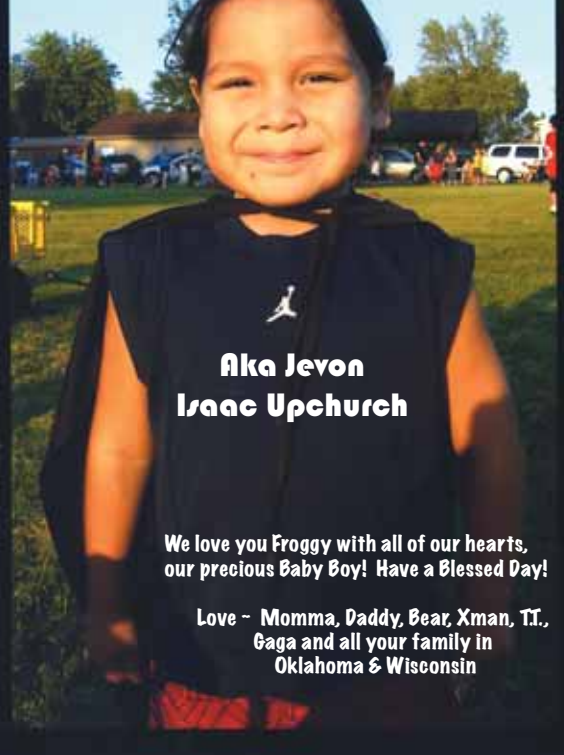


*Love, Nani & Gaga (Adrienne & Rose Bird)*

## Happy 4th Birthday

To our  
Hagee McFroggy!

October 13



**Aka Jevon  
Isaac Upchurch**

We love you Froggy with all of our hearts,  
our precious Baby Boy! Have a Blessed Day!

Love - Momma, Daddy, Bear, Xman, Tt.,  
Gaga and all your family in  
Oklahoma & Wisconsin

## The 9th Annual White Eagle Family Re-union

For the descendants of:

Charles White Eagle I - DOB January 1, 1868  
and Wife Susie Dickson - DOB January 1857

Parents of 8 sons

When: Sunday, October 17, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.  
Where: Black River Falls Community Center  
(next to Majestic Pines Casino)

Contact: Archie C. White Eagle II (715)284-8450

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## October Elders Birthdays



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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Rachael Haas            | 15 Preston Thompson Jr. |
| Eleanor Johnson           | Deborah Lee Weaver      |
| Frank Johnson Jr.         | 16 Frances Little Wolf  |
| Vanverd Dick Jr.          | 17 Parmenton Decorah    |
| 2 Dolli Bigjohn           | Linda Greendeer         |
| Helen Lonetree            | Ellen Stenseth          |
| 3 Kay Lynn Decorah        | Robert Johnson          |
| Joseph White              | 18 Gary Funmaker Sr.    |
| 4 Bebe Lee                | Rose Saylor             |
| 6 Delbert Cleveland       | 19 John Funmaker        |
| Marcella Cloud            | Joyce Williams          |
| 7 Andrew Thundercloud Jr. | 20 Leland Shegonee      |
| Gene Whitewater           | Tommy Winneshiek        |
| Archie White Eagle        | Peter Oknewski Sr.      |
| 8 Rhoda Rave              | 24 Shirley Lonetree     |
| Irene Keenan              | 26 Ida Carrier          |
| Fred Mallory Sr.          | Bradley Smith           |
| 9 Edward Littlejohn Jr.   | Paulina Brandes         |
| 11 Harry Whitehorse       | Lawrence Geyer          |
| Ramona Godsby             | David Esau Sr.          |
| 12 Cynthia Decorah        | 28 Cynthia Yellowcloud  |
| Ronald Kirkwood           | Geo. Bruce Kearnes      |
| Donald St. Cyr            | 29 Benjamin Decorah     |
| Sybil Winneshiek          | 30 Florine Johnson      |
| 14 Evelyn Shepard         | 31 Judith Buffalo       |
| Edward Mc Cabe            | Dennis Funmaker         |
| Lona Decorah              |                         |
| John Tudahl               |                         |
| Thomas Redbird Jr.        |                         |

# Learning the basics to becoming an expert chef

Tracy Pecore  
Newsletter Editor

On September 29, ten Ho-Chunk tribal members graduated from the first eighteen week cooking course offered by Chef Daniel Gezzi, a trained Culinary Chef graduate. The course took place with the approval from the Ho-Chunk Nation to use the Community building located



Fawn Twinn laughs and says, "Pigs feet were the grossest and most challenging to work with."

at Indian Heights in Wisconsin Dells.

With over 20 years of experience, Chef Dan believes everyone has the ability to cook and cook well, "sometimes all we need is a little direction." The eighteen week cooking course was broken down into three phases: Novice, Advanced, and Expert. "Whether you want to just learn how to cook or make it a career, it starts here," says Chef Dan.

The first class began on June 2 with sixteen registered participants scheduled to meet every Wednesday for the next eighteen weeks for 4 hours (either in the morning or evening class), to complete 54 hours of training. Unfortunately, only ten made it all the way to graduation day, with most students having no previous experience in the cooking field.

Throughout the eighteen week course, the Novice phase started with students focusing on vegetables and cutting (knife skills), sanitation, time management, preparation, and temperatures before allowing the students to take

on the kitchen themselves. Chef Dan says, "Many desire a chance to cook but find themselves burning the food or not even knowing where to begin."

After the Novice phase, the teachings stepped up and instructions were more detailed. Students took on more accountability and were able to run the kitchen more freely from the instructor. Chef Dan's classes are designed "for fun learning and for creative thinking," literally how the Expert phase was directed. Students even learned how to grill a salad.

While most classes are very structured and students listen, observe, and then imitate, graduation day was the exact opposite. Each student was on their own to come up with creative dishes, while Chef Dan only provided guidance. The task was for each student to use the special ingredients, Pig's Feet and Hocks, an ingredient rarely used to many of the students and not especially fun to work with. Fawn Twinn and Marlene Cloud both agreed that Pig's Feet was the "grossest" ingredient and most challenging to work with.

Graduation day was very hectic and for many students, led to a state of confusion. Chef Dan said, "That's exactly what I wanted, to see what they have learned throughout the eighteen week course." He also stated it was tough to not be in the kitchen telling his students exactly how to make their dish.

As dishes were created, each chef headed into the dining area to explain what they made and explained what ingredients were used for taste-testers, Chef Dan and



Morning cooking course graduates. (Top L-R) Joe Eimer, Sage Dougherty, Marlene Cloud, and Instructor Daniel Gezzi. (Bottom L-R) Kidd Cloud, Fawn Twinn.



Evening cooking course graduates. (L-R) Marjorie Whitman, Alexis Lewis, Cameron DeCorra, Dana Lone-tree, Chef Dan.

Marjorie Whitman. After each dish it was back into the kitchen to serve another cuisine. Chef Dan stressed working out of the fridge to keep things fresh and to make sure areas were kept clean.

"When you graduate, you will be able to do so many things that you never thought you could do and surely impress your friends and family with the results," says Chef Dan. Kidd Cloud also learned that cooking slower is better,

"not everything needs to be on high temperatures."

This class was made possible through HHCD's ROSS (Resident Opportunity for Self Sufficiency). The ROSS Program provides training/assistance through contracted services in/out of the Ho-Chunk Nation for low-income area residents. The program also provides gas stipends and child care stipends for participants. For anyone interested, be on the lookout for future



Students prepare, clean, and serve a dish while utilizing the special ingredients, pig's feet and hocks.

## Tribal Members and Employees meet the Dam Challenge!

Submitted by  
Kathleen Clemons,  
Ho-Chunk Nation Exercise  
Physiologist

October 2nd started out a little chilly but turned out to be a nice day for the Dam Challenge Triathlon. This event consisted of a 7 mile canoe or kayak trip down the Kickapoo River, a 14 mile



Natalie just edging out Stuart.

hilly bike ride and a 3 mile trail run with a big hill to climb! The event was held in La Farge, Wisconsin and the Ho-Chunk Nation was one of the sponsors.

There are several ways to participate in this event. You can do it as an individual racer which means you have a canoe partner but you do all 3 legs. Competing in this division were Jon Greendeer and Christine Munson, Katie and Kelly Funmaker, and Kathleen Clemons and Jeff Polzin (MD from Krohn Clinic in BRF). Stuart, Diane and Natalie Rave also entered this division with Natalie just edging out dad at the finish line. In the solo division, every individual completes all three legs but canoe or kayak alone - Joseph Buse and Jeff Turner competed in this division.

Several four person teams also entered the event. In this division two people canoe, one person bikes and one person runs. The following teams entered the race: Ho-Chunk Gaming BRF with Ira and Rhonda Anderson, Rob Mudd and Michelle Ramberg, Native 4 with Jackie Carriaga, Anne Thundercloud, Kelly Funmaker and Erin Pettibone, and Norfolk in Chance with David Greendeer, Jerod Stacy, Jeriah Rave and Mike Rave.

Finally, the event can be completed as a two person team with both participants canoeing, one biking and the other running. Entered in this category were team Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah with Steve Garvin and Shelly Kagigebi and a team with Clarence Pettibone and Paul Smith.



The "Happy it's over" group photo.

Great job to all those who competed in this year's dam challenge. Everyone started and finished the race which is a great accomplishment as this is a tough course. We hope to see more people out

there next year for the 2011 Dam Challenge. If you want to check out everyone's race times you can log onto [onlineresults.com](http://onlineresults.com) and search for the Dam Challenge.